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PATENT  
0020-4885P

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Hiroyuki TOKUNAGA et al. Conf.: 5983

Appl. No.: 09/890,097 Group: 1753

Filed: October 29, 2001 Examiner: A. Noguerola

For: SAMPLE DISCRIMINATING METHOD

**LARGE ENTITY TRANSMITTAL FORM**  
**FOR REPLY AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

June 29, 2004

Sir:

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In response to the Office Action mailed March 29, 2004, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application:

This Paper includes Claim Set as Amended and Remarks.